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SUBJ: VARGAS ANNOUNCES THAT GULF MUST WITHDRAW "RUTH" SUIT TO
RESUME DISCUSSIONS

REF: QUITO 5602

1. MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES RENE VARGAS DEMANDED IN A
WIDELY-PUBLICIZED PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 5 THAT GULF
WITHDRAW THE "RUTH" SUIT BEFORE RESUMPTION OF ANY DISCUSSIONS.
HE SAID THAT TEXACO AND GULF VICE PRESIDENTS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED
THAT THE GOE WOULD FULFILL ALL CONTRACT OBLI-
GATIONS AS WELL AS ALL OTHER ECUADOREAN PETROLEUM LAWS. GULF'S
RESPONSE IS ANTICIPATED SOON, SAID VARGAS. VARGAS ALSO
COMMENTED THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE PUBLIC SUPPORT OF
THE GOVERNMENT'S POSITION.

2. COMMENT: VARGAS IS EVIDENTLY ATTEMPTING TO SAVE FACE
FOR HIMSELF AND THE SUPREME COUNCIL. IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS
COVERED IN REFTTEL, HE WILL BE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE IN SEVERAL
DAYS THAT GULF HAS AGREED TO SUSPEND ACTION ON THE "RUTH" SUIT
IN RESPONSE TO GOE PRESSURE. BLOOMFIELD

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